



MarineQuest Diver Ready Code of Conduct

SCUBA (Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus) has been used by scientists for many years to study marine life. While this can be a very fun and exciting way to explore the ocean, there are risks involved.

In order to ensure the highest level of safety when diving with the MarineQuest program, we require all dive-based program participants to adhere to the “MarineQuest Diver Ready Code of Conduct”. If you have any questions about the SCUBA diving component of your program, we encourage you to call MarineQuest representative at 910-962-2640 or e-mail at marinequest@uncw.edu.

Participating in SCUBA diving requires a high level of maturity and awareness of safety standards.

I (student) agree to:

- use good judgement when in and around water,
- be a responsible diver to myself and others,
- respect all rules associated with diving and boat transportation,
- handle, operate and maintain all SCUBA or SCUBA related equipment with care and respect,
- pay attention to detail and be aware of my surroundings,
- listen and follow the instructions of the Dive Instructors and MarineQuest staff at all times and locations,
- participate in the diving component with the highest level of respect to safety and to those around me,
- proceed with the dive even if I get seasick,
- be adaptable and understanding of changes due to weather impacts,
- be the best diver I can be.

Participating in SCUBA diving requires confidence in basic skills and knowledge.

I (student):

- acknowledge that learning to SCUBA dive is something that I want to do and am excited about this opportunity.
- have read about SCUBA diving and discussed this with a parent/guardian and feel emotionally and physically prepared to participant in this opportunity.
- feel comfortable in/around water and have the ability to pass the PADI swim test.
- feel confident and prepared to be an active and safe participant.
- agree to ask questions and let the MarineQuest staff know if I begin to feel uncomfortable with any of the new skills I am learning.

Participating in SCUBA diving requires physical preparation and good health. I (student) acknowledge:

- I am responsible for all my dive equipment and will actively participate in loading and unloading dive equipment.
- I will notify MarineQuest staff before diving if I am not feeling well or have any symptoms that might indicate a health problem.

Any student that chooses not to adhere to these conditions will be asked not to participate in the SCUBA diving component of their program.